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Inspection Date: April 14, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): February 5, 2016  
September 1, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 22, 2016  
June 6, 2016

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## INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 19<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Youth Care Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Facility county</b>	Vanderburgh
<b>Governing authority</b>	Evansville Rescue Mission, Inc.
<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	Marcus Head
<b>Detention facility’s mission</b>	Within the philosophical context described in our statement of philosophy, the purpose and mission of the Youth Care Center is: A. To provide the highest quality of treatment and individual care to children who are in trouble with the law and to children in need of services. B. To always be family-inclusive in our approach to

	<p>helping children and to look beyond our current function to see what needs we might address through program diversification or expansion of our program, facilities and staff.</p> <p>C. To include community experts and/or services in our attempt to resolve bio/psycho/socio/spiritual/medical needs of our high-risk youth whenever possible.</p>
<b>Rated capacity</b>	40
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	15
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	16.33 for boys/5.16 for girls
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	20.12 days for boys/15.13 days for girls
<b>Year the building was built</b>	1989
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	Resident's rooms have been re-painted.
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training</b>	Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention
<b>Physical force techniques training</b>	Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention
<b>Chemical agents permitted</b>	No
<b>Name of food service provider</b>	Farm Boy/CRS One
<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	Chris Carrier
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Richard Probert, Physician
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	David Westfall, Mental Health Counselor

### INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

<b>Auditors</b>	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
<b>File Review of the 26 mandatory standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant.</li> <li>• Youth Care Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Tour</b>	The Center was clean, organized, and well maintained.
<b>Youth Interviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four youth (two males and two females) were interviewed about their experiences at the Center.</li> <li>• All youth reported, without hesitation, that they felt safe at the facility.</li> <li>• Youth did not share complaints or recommend changes.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	None

## **SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)**

On 2/5/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Youth Care Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Head. Youth were observed participating in education and art classes under direct supervision of detention staff. The facility population count was 16. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was satisfactory.

On 9/1/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Youth Care Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Head and youth were observed participating in education classes under direct supervision of detention staff and the facility population count was 16 youth. All areas appeared to be well-maintained sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above average.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)**

The Youth Care Center's education technical assistance visit was conducted on 2/5/16 by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The education program follows the local school corporation's calendar and provides special programming during extended breaks. An instructional day is five hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program, or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher. The facility has access to a substitute teacher through the local school corporation.

The Youth Care Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 6/6/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

## **CONCLUSION**

Youth Care Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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